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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Georgetown, SC, March 16, 2020 – In order to minimize the person-to-person contact and the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, public traffic to City Hall and other public city owned/rented facilities will cease; however services will still be rendered through alternate measures. The City of Georgetown announced the following precautionary measures effective immediately during the declared state of emergency:

(1) Access to public buildings will be restricted to working employees only;

(2) Payments will only be accepted in the follow manners:

- a. Over the phone (843) 545-4007 or (843) 545-4048.
- b. Online with debit/credit card at www.georgetownsc.gov. Effective March 17, 2020, at noon, the convenience service fee will be suspended temporarily.
- c. The drive-through window or the drop off box at City Hall; and
- d. By mail (PO Box 939, Georgetown, SC 29442)

The City encourages Utilities' customers to enroll on automatic withdrawal. Please call (843) 545-4007 for instructions.

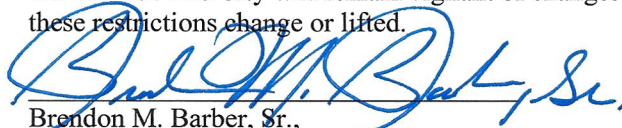
(3) The City will not suspend or disconnect utilities for non-payment during the state of emergency. However, penalties will continue accumulating.

(4) Permits, licensing, plan reviews, and payment assistance will be handled online or by phone only. Drop off boxes will be installed in the vestibule at City Hall. Call the Planning and Community Development Department at (843-545-4010) for additional information.

(5) City Council meetings will be held via teleconference or over the Internet. Notices of such meetings will be posted in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

(6) The City will not issue public events permits for more than 50 people. This amount will be updated according to future recommendations from SCDHEC and CDC.

The public is encouraged to contact the SCDHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 for general questions regarding COVID-19. The City will remain vigilant of changes to the CDC and DHEC's protocols and inform the public when these restrictions change or lifted.


Brendon M. Barber, Sr.,
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